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MESSAGE:

Attached is the City of Cordova resolution
regarding state transportation plans and
the Alaska Marine Highway System.
It passed by unanimous vote of the City
Council.

**CITY OF CORDOVA
RESOLUTION 12-05-55**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA,
ALASKA, URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO FUND EXISTING
TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND REPLACEMENT OF VESSELS IN THE
ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to "provide for the movement of people and goods and the delivery of State services;" and

WHEREAS, the vast distances, thousands of islands, active glaciers, towering mountains, frozen tundra, and other unique features that make Alaska grand also result in unique transportation challenges that cannot be addressed with a one-size-fits-all solution; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System has provided service for over forty years to thousands of Alaska residents in 30 communities, stretching from the Aleutians through Kodiak, the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and to Southeast Alaska, with Juneau as its hub; and

WHEREAS, the 3,500-mile route of the Alaska Marine Highway System has been recognized for its cultural, historical, recreational and scenic qualities through designation as an "All-American Road" by the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System provides a critical link among the communities of coastal Alaska, allowing for the movement of goods, services, and people and providing the opportunity for economic development; and

WHEREAS, international regulatory deadlines will prevent three of the Marine Highway's most capable vessels from serving Canadian ports after January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, funding for replacement vessels for the Alaska Marine Highway System, including funding for the Fast Vehicle Ferries, has not been included in the FY '07 budget; and

WHEREAS, funding for completion of the Prince William Sound Transportation Plan has not been addressed in the FY '07 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, urges the State of Alaska to:

1. Tailor transportation solutions to fit the unique challenges faced by Alaskan communities while ensuring that modes of travel between communities are safe, reliable and efficient.
2. Address the outstanding needs of our existing road and ferry system to ensure safe, reliable, and efficient movement of goods and services now and into the future before embarking on costly and controversial new projects.
3. Identify funding for replacement vessels for the Alaska Marine Highway System, including feeder vessels and mainliner ferries.
4. Identify funding for completion and implementation of the Prince William Sound Transportation Plan.
5. Restore service by the M/V Fairweather in the Lynn Canal and by the M/V Chenega in Prince William Sound at the earliest possible date.
6. Exercise its option to purchase two new additional fast ferries before the option to purchase expires in March 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.



Timothy L. Joyce, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lila J. Koplin, City Clerk